

REMARKS

The Examiner has issued a restriction requirement stating that the application claims two separate inventions. Specifically, the Examiner identifies the two inventions as being:

Group I (Claims 1-73), drawn to methods for detecting nucleotide sequence variations of a target nucleic acid relative to a reference nucleic acid.

Group II (Claims 74-83), drawn to a kit for detecting nucleotide sequence variations.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.142, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-73 without traverse. Accordingly, Claims 74-83 are canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected inventions during the pendency of the present application.

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CONCLUSION

In view of Applicant's election, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to expedite the prosecution of this patent application to issuance. Should the Examiner have any question, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, including petition fees and extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 (Docket No.26757-717.201).

Respectfully submitted,

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